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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Request for information of prevalence of dengue.

In the Medical Record of February 8, 1902, there appeared an article by Dr. Harris Graham, professor of pathology in the American College of Beyreuth, Syria, on "Dengue: A study of its mode of propagation and pathology." In the article Dr. Graham reports that he has determined that the disease is due to a protozoal parasite, and that his experiments justify the assertion that the malady is conveyed from person to person through the bites of mosquitoes, and apparently through the agency of the ordinary *culex* species of that insect.

In view of the importance of arriving at a definite conclusion as to the origin of all epidemic diseases, the Bureau is desirous of further investigation in this line, and it is requested that health officers in all parts of the United States will furnish the Surgeon-General of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service with early information as to the appearance of dengue in epidemic form in their respective localities, in order that investigators may be dispatched to the seat of the epidemic for the purposes of study and investigation.

Assignment of inspectors to the fruit ports of Central and South America.

The following-named acting assistant surgeons have been appointed and assigned to the fruit ports of Central and South America for the coming season for the purpose of inspecting the vessels, their cargoes and crews, bound from said ports to ports of the United States. The instructions issued to these officers are the same as those in force last season :

Paul Osterhout.....	Bocas del Toro, Colombia.
W. H. Carson	Port Limon, Costa Rica.
A. J. Smith.....	Livingston, Guatemala.
S. H. Backus.....	Puerto Cortez, Honduras.
D. W. Goodman.....	Bluefields, Nicaragua.
W. B. Robertson.....	La Ceiba, Honduras.
R. H. Peters	Belize, British Honduras.